



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Dear Champions of Detroit Horse Power,

I take pride in reflecting on our organization's growth in the past year. We are enhancing our abilities to address the needs of our current students and setting the foundation for a more significant impact on Detroit's future.

I am grateful that our program team can continue our legacy by investing in our students. They are building structure and consistency through both our after-school programs and our summer horse camps. Our Youth Leadership Council has taken on greater responsibilities through our annual gala, feedback on our facility plans, and teaching beginning students in our introductory programs. It is an absolute joy to see students who have come up through our program take on greater leadership within our organization, including on our Board of Directors, with our first alumni representative on the board.

That growth trajectory has accelerated in the past year as we move closer to our ultimate goal of repurposing vacant land to build our urban equestrian education center. We crossed significant milestones in 2023 through our facility planning, municipal approvals, and capital campaign fundraising.

The road ahead remains daunting, but the vision we have been striving toward for so many years is finally becoming clearer. The progress we have achieved in the past year has undoubtedly prepared Detroit Horse Power to lift to far greater heights in 2024 and beyond. This truly is a community effort. We remain so grateful to everyone who has lifted up our organization and is willing to walk this journey with us to realize the full potential of horses to strengthen Detroit's future.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials "DS" followed by a surname.

David Silver, Founder & Executive Director



## HARNESSING THE POWER OF HORSES



Detroit Horse Power is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2015 by former Detroit elementary school teacher David Silver. We harness the power of horses to expand opportunities for Detroit's youth. We teach Detroit students to ride and care for horses to develop critical skills that will prepare them for academic, career, and life success. Our vision is to give under-resourced youth a safe and enriching space that furthers their future development.

### OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**P**ERSEVERANCE  
Never give up, even when it's really hard; you try again and stick with it until you reach your goal.

**E**MPATHY  
To put yourself in your horse's hooves; seeing life from a different perspective will infuse care and compassion into your worldview.

**R**ESPONSIBLE RISK-TAKING  
Safely step outside your comfort zone; be open to trying new horse-related activities.

**C**ONFIDENCE  
In your skills and ability to succeed. Knowing that your work with horses can translate seamlessly into the self-belief it takes to move you through life.

**S**ELF-CONTROL  
Check in with your emotions. Horses enhance self-awareness as they reflect whatever you are feeling in their behavior.





## PERSEVERANCE AS A GUIDING FORCE

Le'Airra Jones can not fathom who she would be without Detroit Horse Power. Before joining DHP, she often felt like one wrong move could change her future, and not for the better. Growing up, Le'Airra struggled to find role models, sparking her search for community. Luckily, she discovered Detroit Horse Power in the sixth grade, and it wasn't until high school that she fully embraced what DHP had to offer.

DHP became a sanctuary for Le'Airra, with the horses becoming her steadfast companions. Their presence provided a deep connection that encouraged self-discovery, free from judgment, and filled with tranquility. Mirroring the horses, Le'Airra has nurtured her empathy and self-control. She hopes to continue to share her love of horses and foster a supportive environment for all.



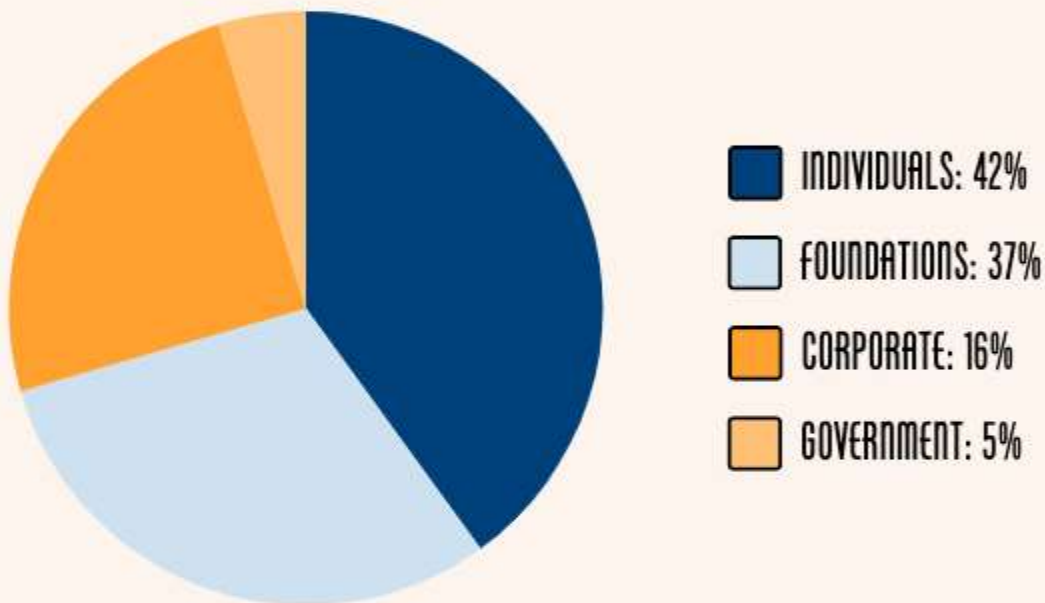
While obstacles are an inherent part of her journey, her perseverance is a guiding force toward her goals. DHP has instilled newfound confidence in her, enabling her to navigate social environments with assurance and certainty of her place within them.

As a junior at Cass Technical High School, Le'Airra serves on the Youth Leadership Council, finding the experience rewarding and empowering. Grateful for the life-changing opportunities DHP provides, she sets her sights on becoming the first in her family to attend college, propelled by her ambitions and the support of her community.

## BY THE NUMBERS

2023  
Total  
Revenue: **\$883,000**

### REVENUE SOURCES



#### EXPENSES

**\$683,578**

#### NET REVENUE

**\$200,378**

#### INDIVIDUAL GIVING

Retained  
Donors:

**240**

New  
Donors:

**226**



## MAKING IMPACT

### YOUTH ENROLLMENT FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING:

40

11

BARN  
TRIPS

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:



SCHOOL YEAR RETENTION:



COMPLETED HOLISTIC STUDENT ASSESSMENTS:



12

YLC  
MEMBERS

68%

NON  
AFTER-SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

24%

PERCS  
INTERMEDIATE  
& BEGINNERS

7%

YOUTH  
LEADERSHIP  
COUNCIL

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF CAMPER:

68

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

10

STUDENTS  
ATTENDED  
THE GALA

3

FIELD  
TRIPS

RETREAT WITH  
YOUTH DRIVEN  
SPACES



CO-HOSTED  
EVENTS:

KAREEM  
ROSSER

&

THE  
KENTUCKY  
DERBY

## SUMMER CAMP SUCCESS





## SCHREIBER FAMILY STORY

The Schreiber family immigrated from Eastern Europe to the United States through New York and settled in Detroit in 1916. Four generations of Schreibers, including myself, were all born in the city, and we have built and operated a family-owned roofing company for over 107 years. The company was located just down the road from the new DHP property until recently, when it was moved to Wixom.

Growing up, my family split our time between Detroit and Hamilton, Ontario, where my mother was from, and my father started a second roofing company. Both of my parents were very active, and we spent much of our time outdoors. While in Detroit that included regular trips to the Detroit Zoo and to Greenfield Village to enjoy the animals that we all loved. In Hamilton, I was fortunate enough to have access to horses and horse back riding that wasn't easily accessible while we were in Detroit.

Horses shaped much of my youth, and after college, I gravitated back to the equine industry, living on a farm with my husband and helping build and operate a successful horse show series in Northern Michigan. This led me to meet David Silver and learn about Detroit Horse Power. I immediately connected to the mission of DHP for multiple reasons, and my husband and I have been supporters ever since.

We are grateful for the opportunity to help bring the magic of horses and all they can teach to the Youth of Detroit. Spending time with the students when they came to a facility we are associated with for a Reining clinic was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. We are also excited to support the construction of the future home of DHP in the City of Detroit through our foundation and through our company, Schreiber Corporation. Building DHP, a permanent facility in the same neighborhood where we worked, and having the ability to reach so many more Detroit Youth is extraordinary, and we are lucky to be included in the process.



-Written by Patrice Schreiber



## MOVING FORWARD



This past year has moved Detroit Horse Power across several crucial milestones as the organization positions this project for its future groundbreaking. In 2023, McIntosh Poris Architects completed the design development phase, and we worked with L.S. Brinker on updated pricing and value engineering. In addition, we are fortunate to have worked closely with the Sustainability Institute of Detroit to align our building design with environmental sustainability best practices that will lower our carbon footprint and long-term operating expenses. Detroit Horse Power also took important strides toward our city approval by submitting our plans for site plan review, as well as working with Detroit Public Schools Community District to accelerate the timeline by which we will purchase the property. The capital campaign took several major steps forward in the past year, securing our largest commitments from the State of Michigan, Kresge Foundation, and Meijer Foundation, among others. This momentum has set the stage to turn this big vision into a reality in the year ahead.



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## THANK YOU

In retrospect, 2023 was a year marked by memorable experiences, and we express our deepest appreciation for your participation in our endeavors. As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming year of 2024 and the groundbreaking of the new equestrian center, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, esteemed board members, valued sponsors, supportive foundations, collaborative barn partners, generous donors, and most importantly, the exceptional young individuals associated with DHP. Undoubtedly, it has been a remarkable and fulfilling year for all involved. Thank you.

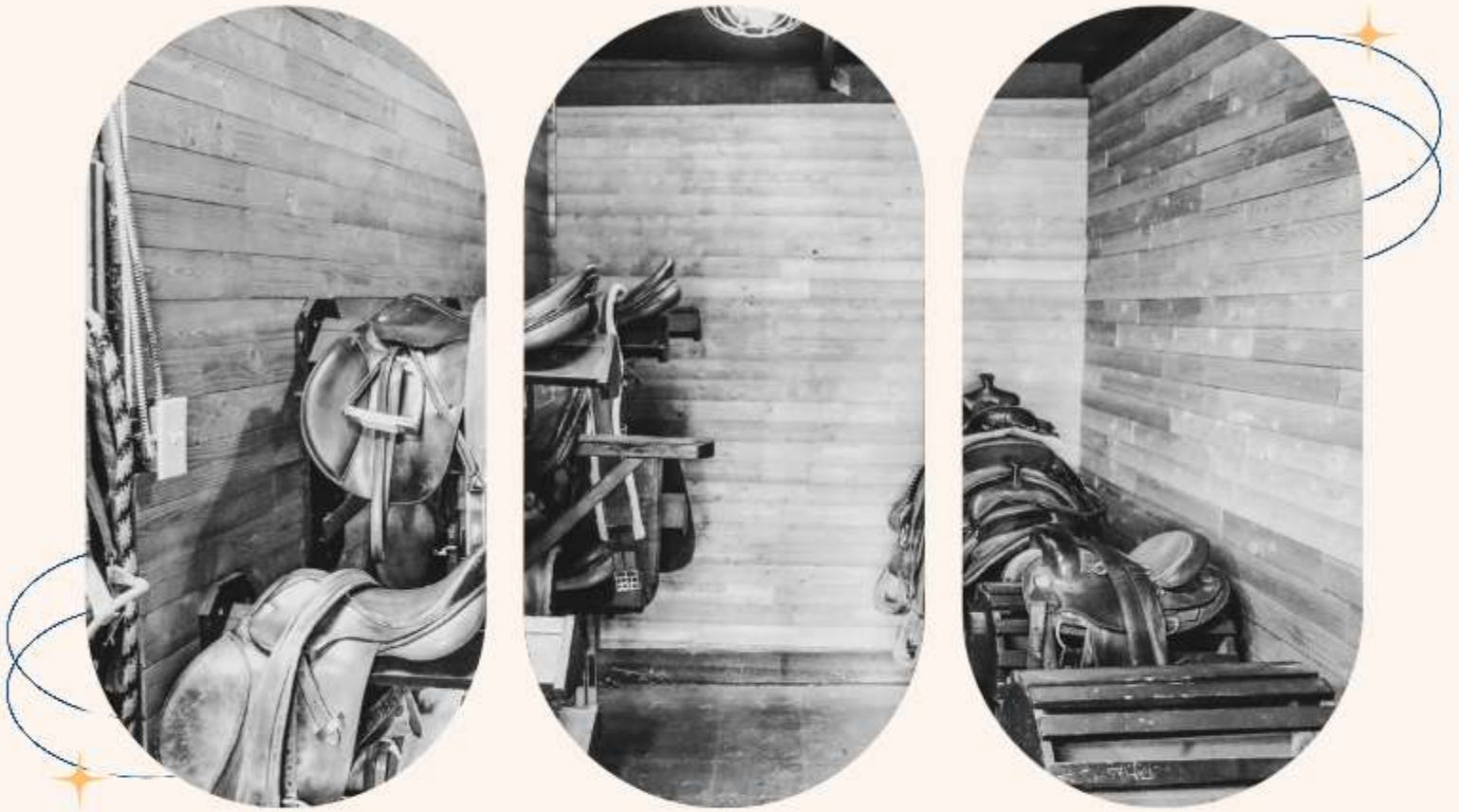
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